

September 3rd, 1926. Information received from Dan:- That he was talking to a New York Times Reporter on the first of September. This reporter covers the Jersey Hudson. Present during the conversation was a reporter of the Graphic. He said the next move after they get through with the murderers is to get after the detectives, as the talk is that the detectives used Mrs. Hall's money to bribe the witnesses. Also that he knows this fellow Tierce, who has a road house in Bew Brunswick, also that he married an actress who used to do a baloon act at the Empire Theatre. They had the theatre dark and then she would do the baloon act.

Mr. Payne of the Daily Mirror went to the Graphic looking for a job and that he was only offered \$100 a week or a month as a salary. From there he went to the Mirror and when he was asked how he could increase the circulation of the newspaper he said he could play the Ward Case, and that he could show it happened in the inside of the house. He also mentioned the Halls-Mills case, and he got in touch with Totten of Somerset County and this is how the newspaper story started. ~~Mr. Payne~~ also mentioned that a newspaper man by the name of Harvey was <sup>just</sup> getting \$12,000 to investigate the Halls Mills Case.

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